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Forward

I hope you will enjoy this publication, our second "postcard album" of United Methodist Churches in Northern New Jersey. This year, our album covers Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties, including such cities as Jersey City, Paterson, Bayonne, Clifton, Englewood, Hoboken, Kearny, Passaic, Union City, and Weehawken. Tracking down postcards of churches in urban areas presents some unique challenges; the history of urban congregations is often full of moves, mergers, openings, closings, and name changes. We have made every effort to include postcards of those congregations which still exist today, as well as cards of many congregations which have merged or closed. In some cases where postcards were not available, we have included photographs of churches no longer in existence.

We are very grateful for all those who contributed postcards from this album, particularly those families who loaned valuable cards from their extensive collections: Bill and Alice Berdan, Harold and Pat Kautz, George and Delores Kirchgessner, Stephanie and Joe LaConti, Ed Olsen, and Aileen and Fred Roth. Additional postcards were borrowed from local churches or from our conference archives collection.

Special thanks are also extended to Bill Turkowski, who inspired this series of postcard albums, and to Dr. Robert D. Simpson, who, for many years, served as editor of our annual historical publications.

William T. Noll

Introduction

The pictures in this book are all taken from picture postcards. Although postal cards were introduced in the 1870s, they did not contain pictures until 1898. With technology increasing, the publishers could transfer a photograph to the front of a card with a clear, crisp image being reproduced. Most cards of churches are black and white, but occasionally we find lithograph (colored) or hand colored, when a black and white card has color tinted on it. These are the types of commercially produced cards which appeared in the early years of this century. Until 1906 all messages were required by law to appear on the picture side. This is why so many of the early cards have writing on the front. After 1906 the back of the card was divided into two parts, one for message, the other for address.

Literally billions of cards were produced. The penny postcard was an essential of everyday life, as well as a collecting craze. Every child had an album which, before the advent of radio and television, gave a look at far away places and events. Before cars and telephones, the postcards were used for messages. If you planned to visit, you simply told your host "Arrive tomorrow on the 7:14," and you sent your message for one cent on a beautiful card. Clubs just for postcard exchange were organized. Soon people make their own cards. This was done by reproducing photographs on photographic paper. These are called real photo cards. Many local photographers would take pictures at fairs,

disasters, parades, etc. and sell them at booths or from their stores.

This postcard craze was short-lived. Most of the cards were produced in Germany and, with the advent of World War I, production decreased rapidly. The subsequent domestically produced cards were blurry and on poor quality paper. For these reasons, the bulk of our cards were produced from 1900-1914. Churches were always favorite topics with their high steeples and architectural windows. They were cards avidly sought. Since commercially produced cards were done in lots of a thousand, many have survived today. Births, weddings, and deaths were commemorated in the local church so every town and little store had cards of the local church.

When viewing the cards, try to put yourself into the time frame of early 1900, when roads were dirt, travel was by foot or wagon. There were no motion pictures, radio, or TV. The church was the center of these rural agricultural communities. Harvest Homes, Rally Days, Men's Days, Ladies Days, Epworth Leagues were eagerly awaited events. These churches served as spiritual and social centers. Amazingly, you will find that many of these churches survive. With wood frames, lighted attractive high spires, and wood or coal-burning furnaces, they almost invite calamity. Fortunately, except in a few rare cases, church boards have decided to retain the original architecture and the churches look much as they did almost a century ago.

William Turkowski

BERGEN COUNTY

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Bergen Highlands	x	—	—
Demarest	x	r	8
Dumont	x	b	8-9
East Rutherford:			
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Christ	x	b	9
Englewood:			
First	x	b	10
Galilee	x	—	—
Fort Lee, Bethany	x	—	—
Franklin Lakes	x	—	—
Hackensack:			
Asbury	—	b	12
First	x	b	11
Hasbrouck Heights	x	abr	12-13
Hillsdale	x	bd	14-15
Kingsland (Lyndhurst)	—	p	26
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Lyndhurst	x	—	—
Midland Park	x	b	18
Montvale	—	p	26
Park Ridge	x	b	18
Ridgefield Park	x	b	19
Ridgewood	x	br	20-21
Rutherford	x	b	22
Teaneck	x	b	22
Tenafly	x	b	23
Waldwick	x	b	24
Westwood	x	—	—
Wyckoff, Grace ¹	x	c	25

a — from Northern New Jersey Conference collection

b — from Berdan collection

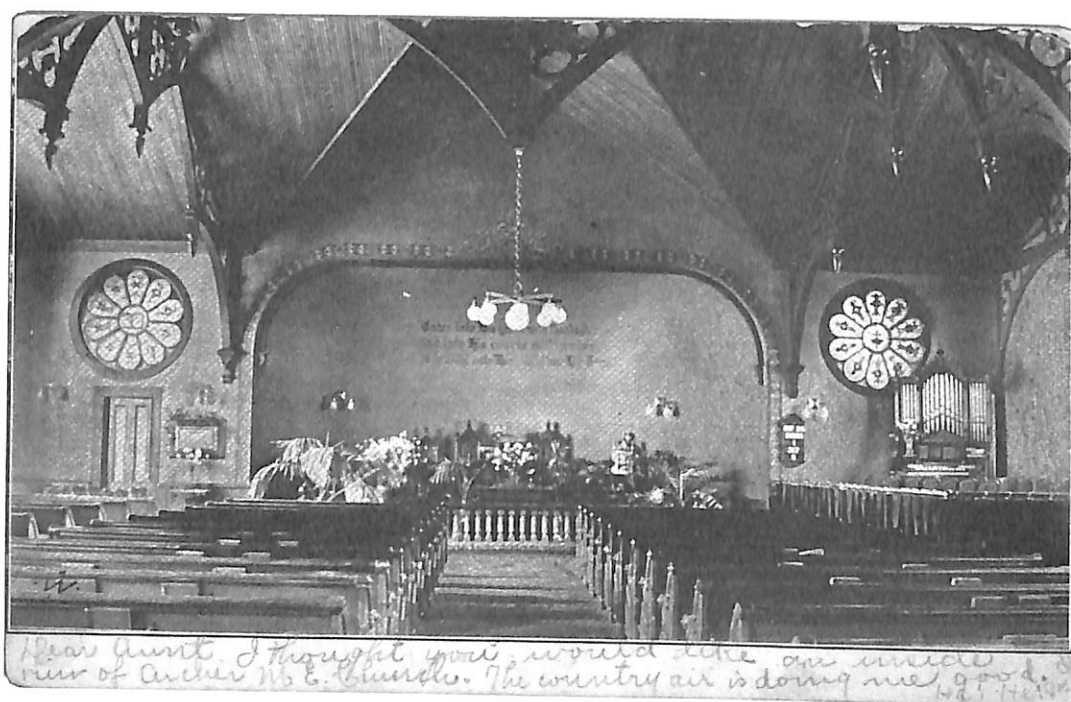
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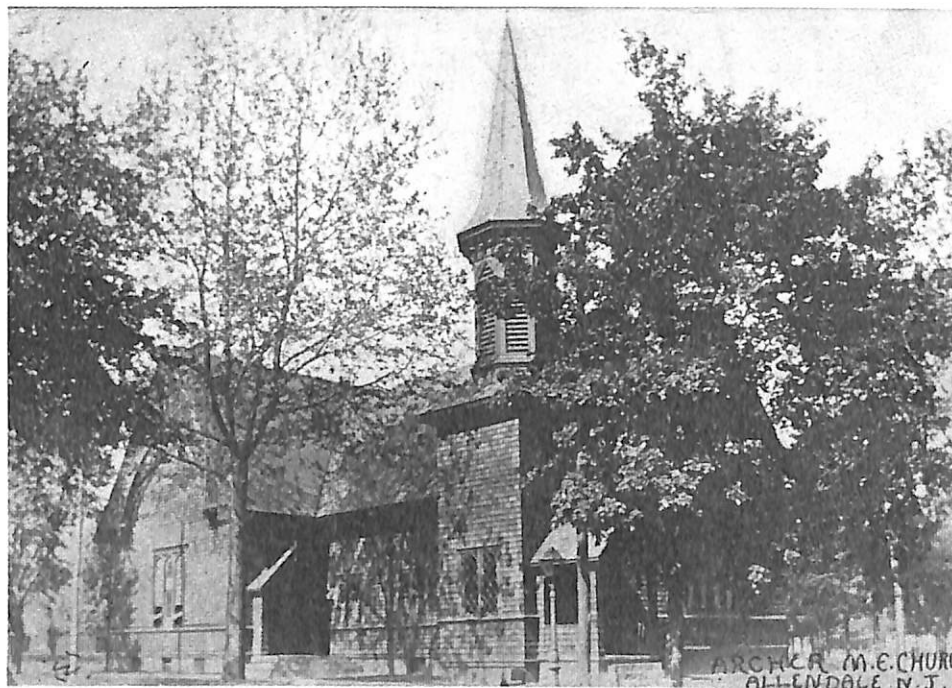
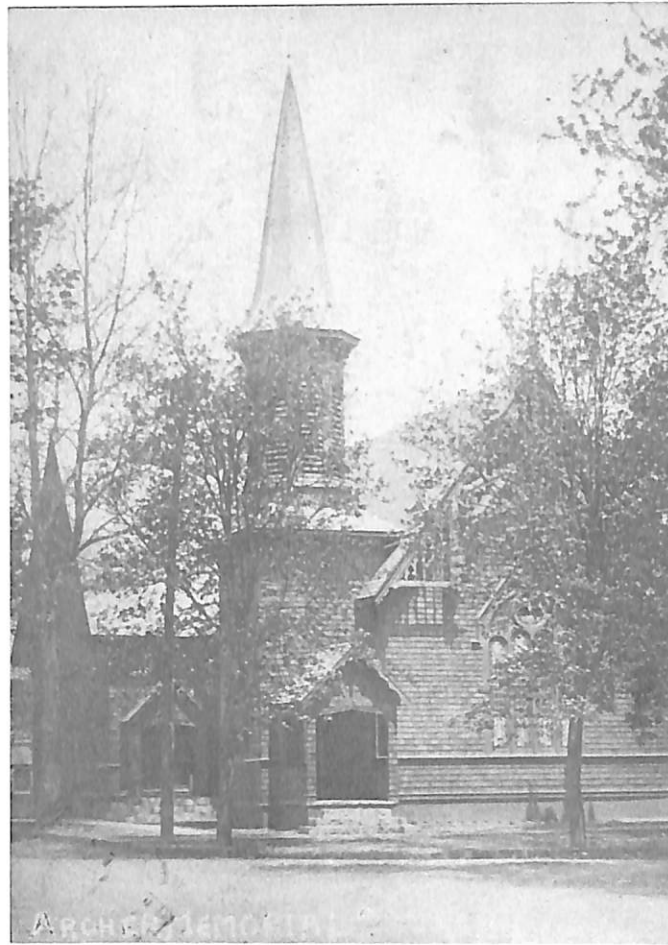
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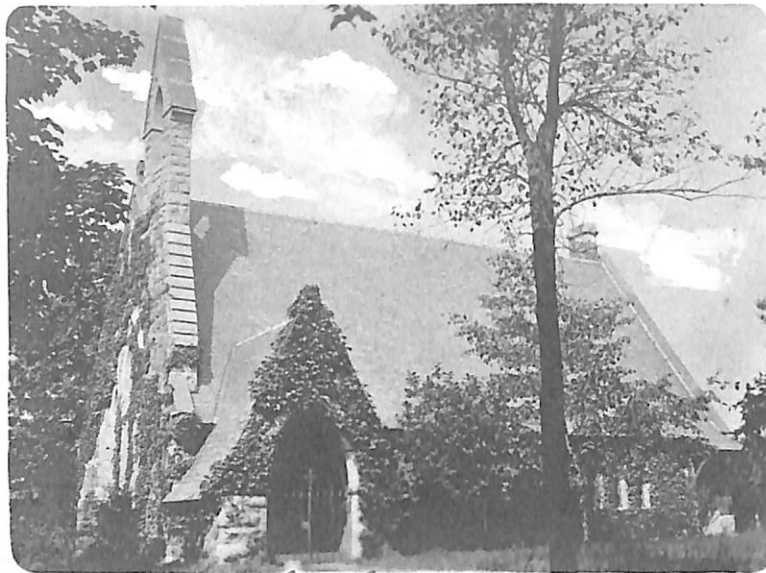
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r — from Roth-Olsen collection

¹Wyckoff, Grace, was formerly located in Paterson

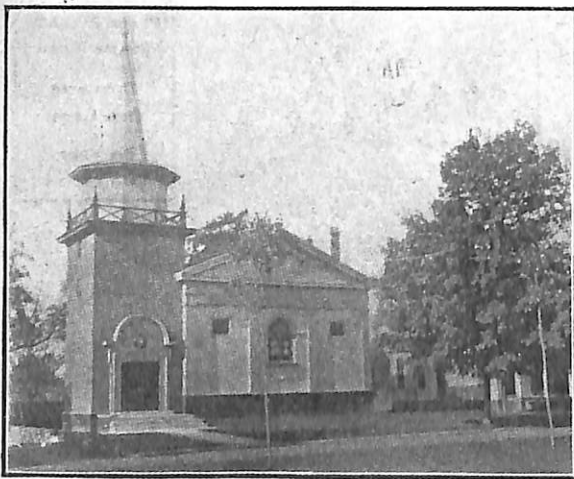






Alpine M.E. Church.

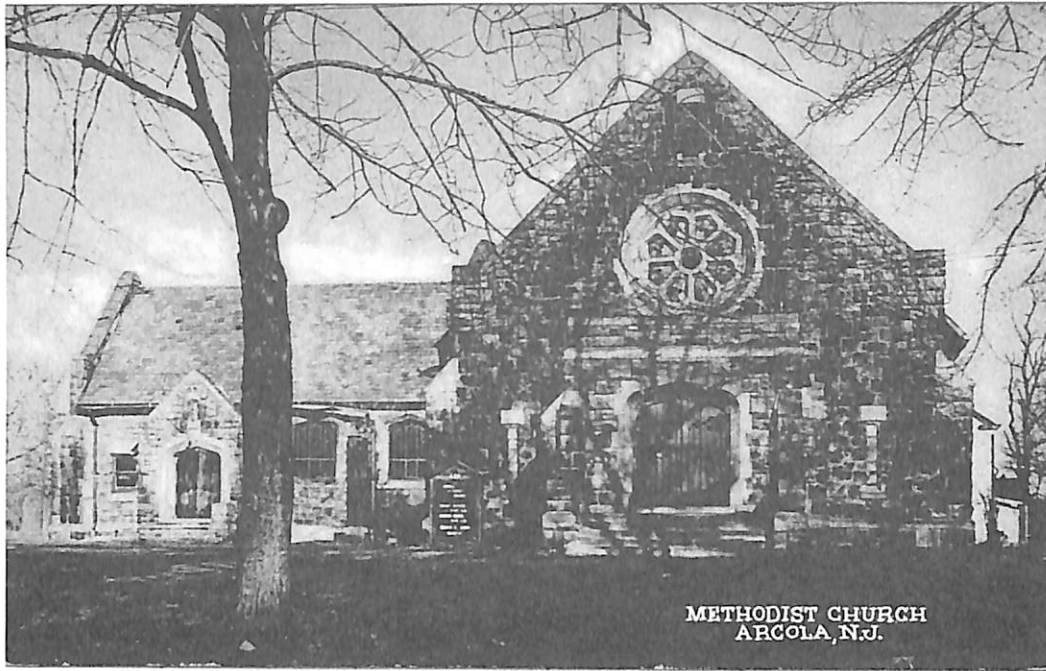
Alpine N. J.
Oct 6/05.
Dear Miss Lewis,
Hope you
all arrived
home safely.
Would you
like me to
send you
some of that
wine, you said
you would
like to have?
Sincerely,
James D. Newhall.

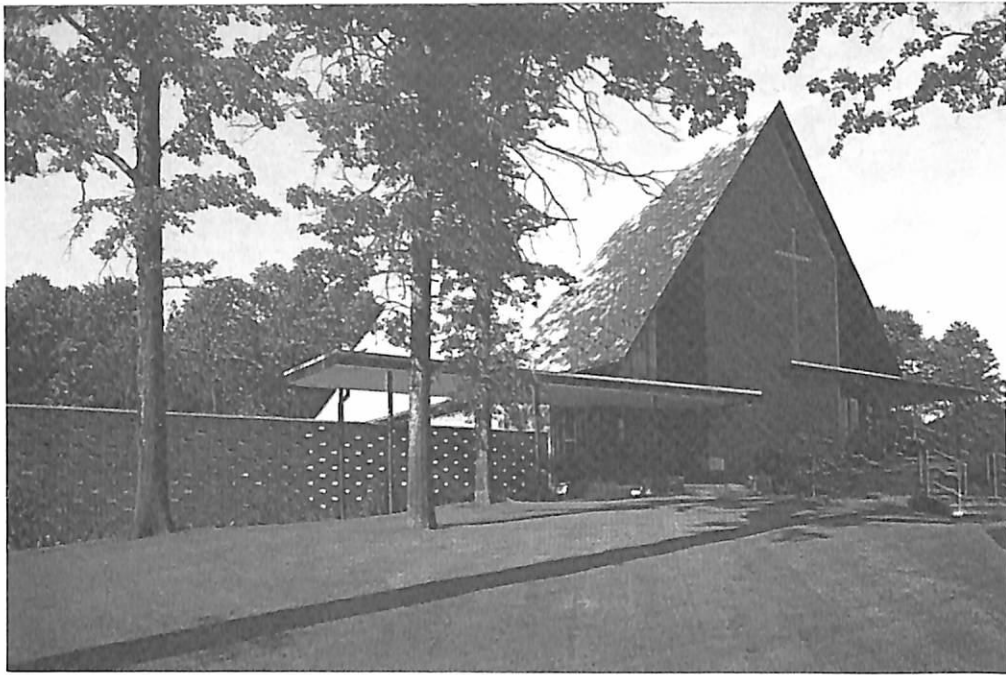


ARCOLA M. E. CHURCH, ARCOLA, N. J.

My dear Mr Webb:-
This is a picture
of our church. The
parsonage is
next door.
Come see us
sometime.

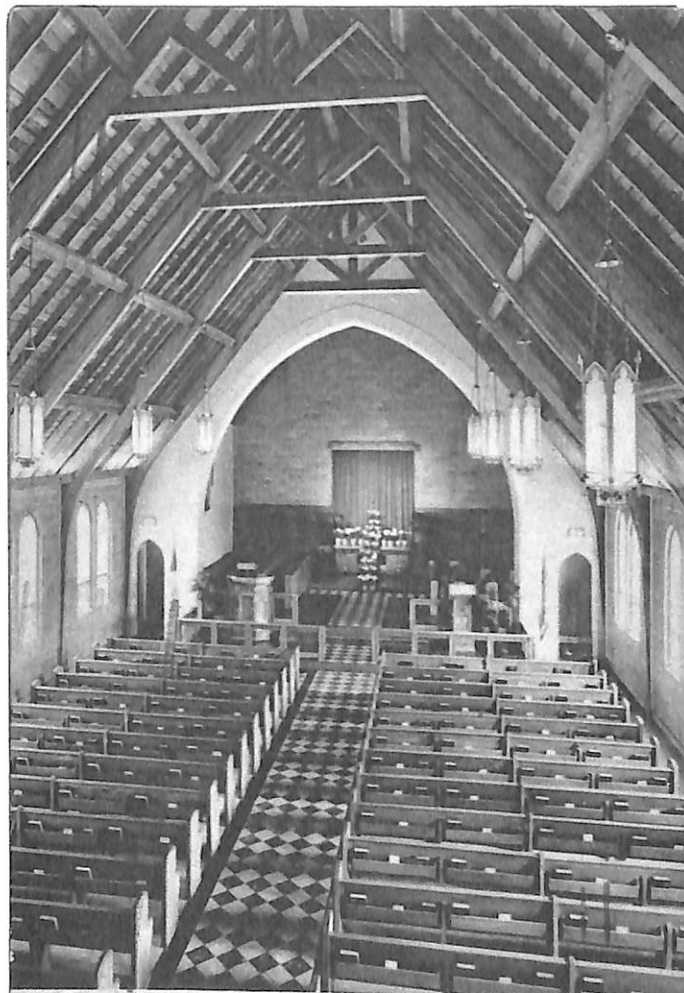
Yours sincerely,
W. C. Brewer.



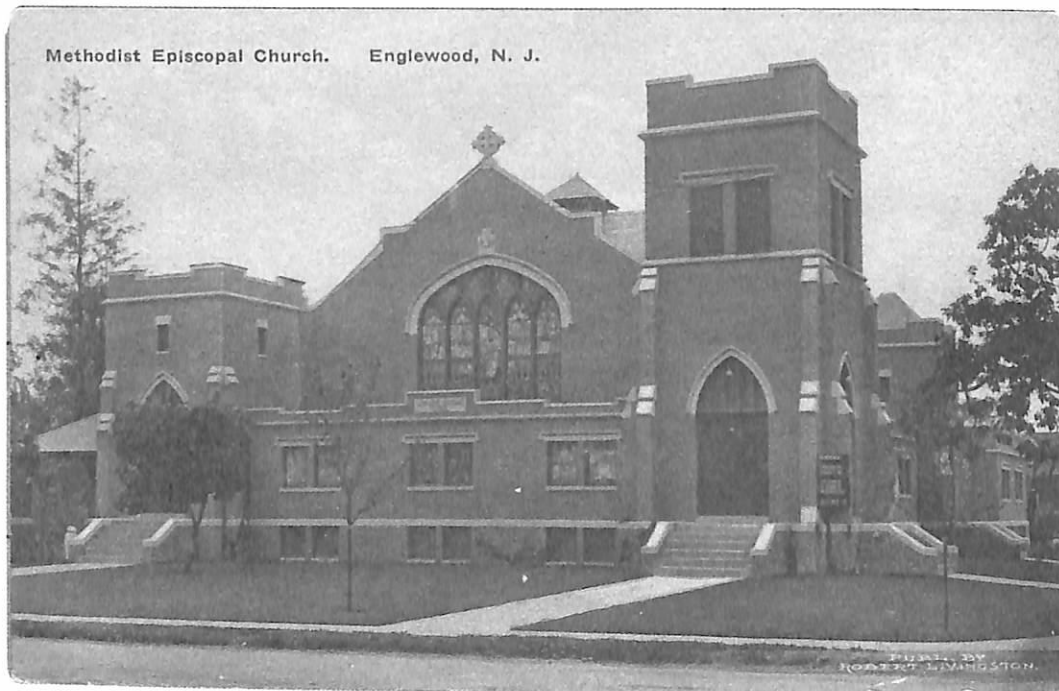
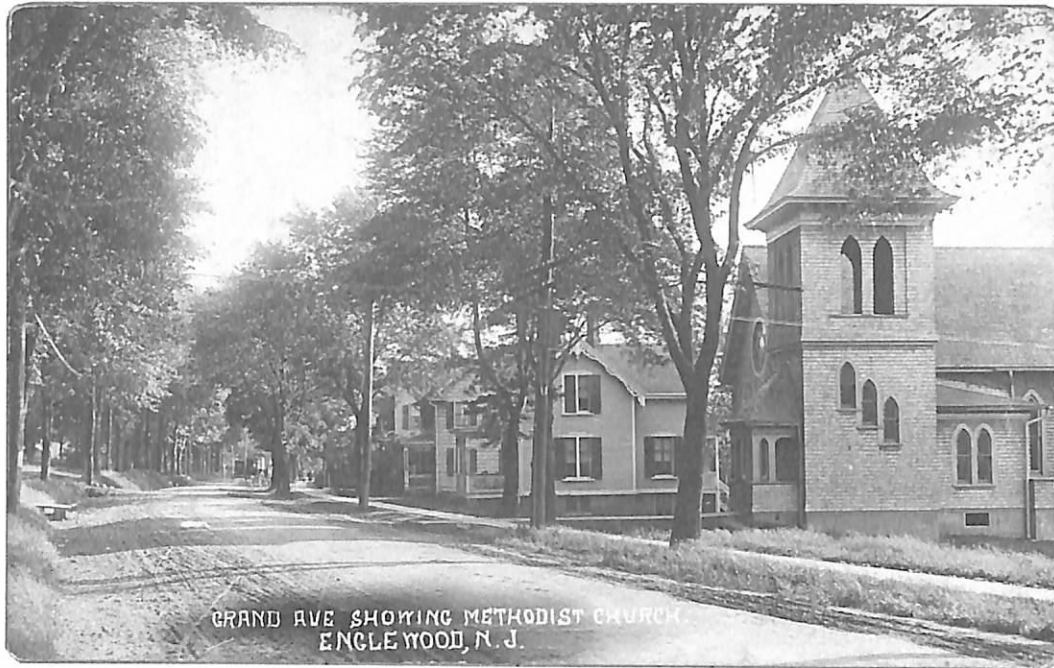


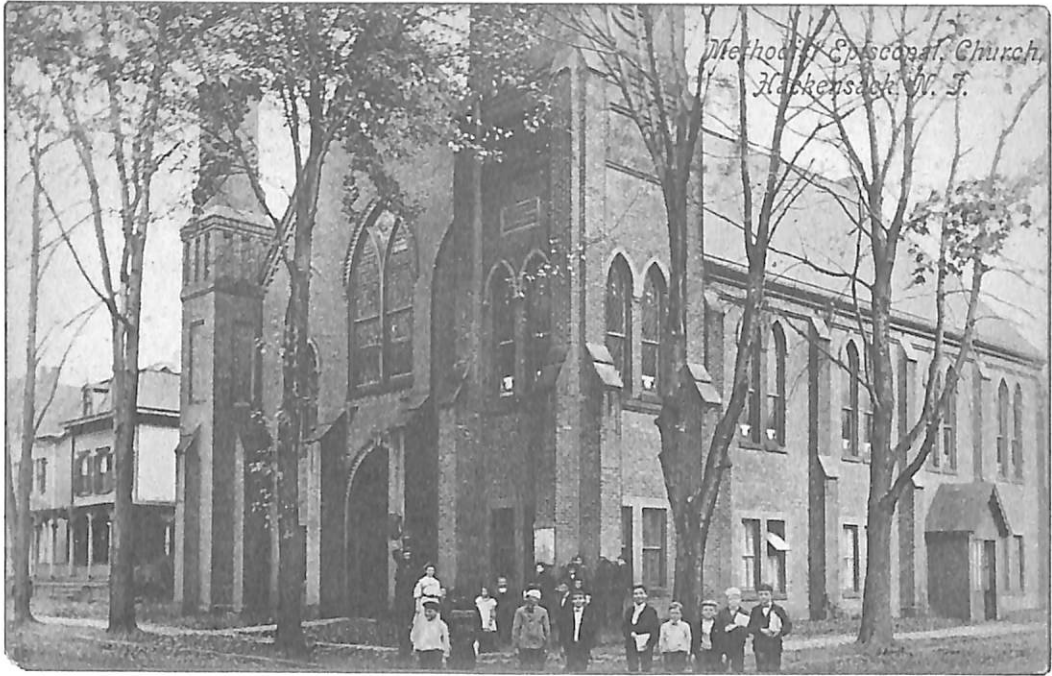


M. E. CHURCH, East Rutherford, N. J.



THE FIRST EASTER - CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH-
DUMONT, NEW JERSEY APRIL 1953



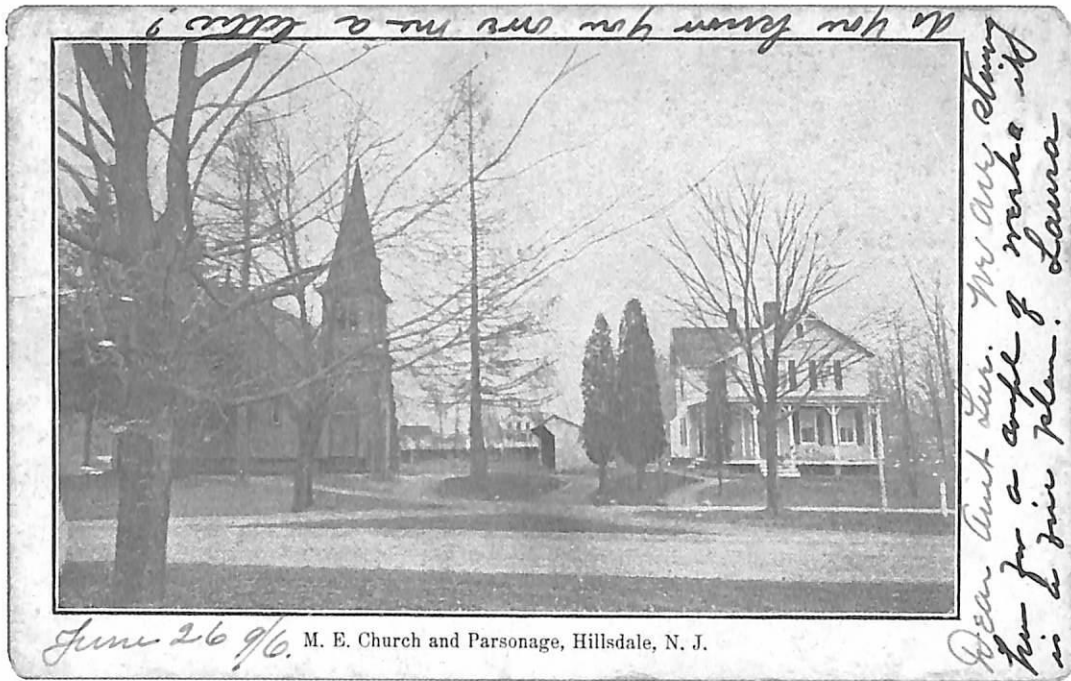


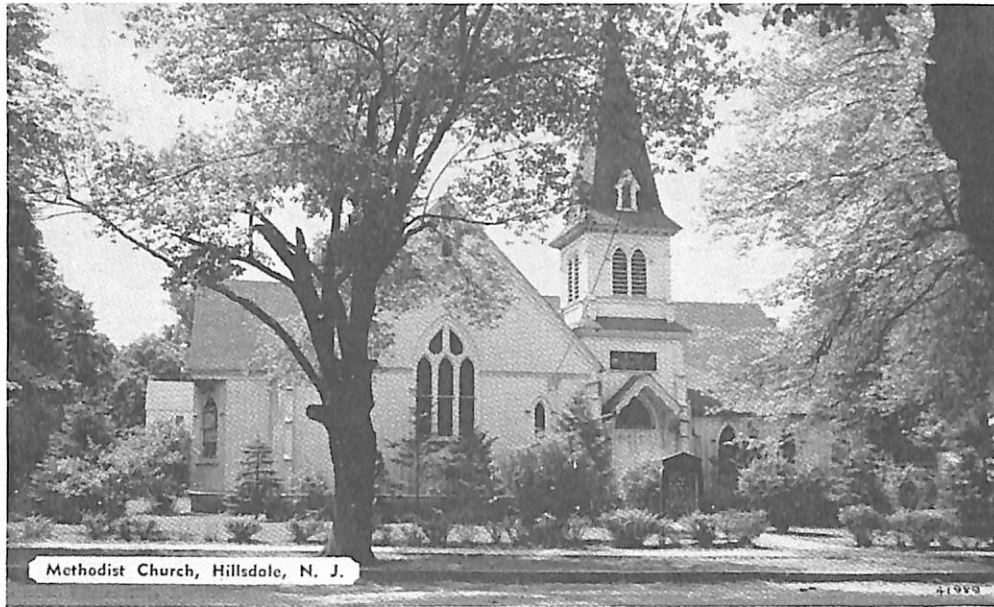


Hackensack, N. J.

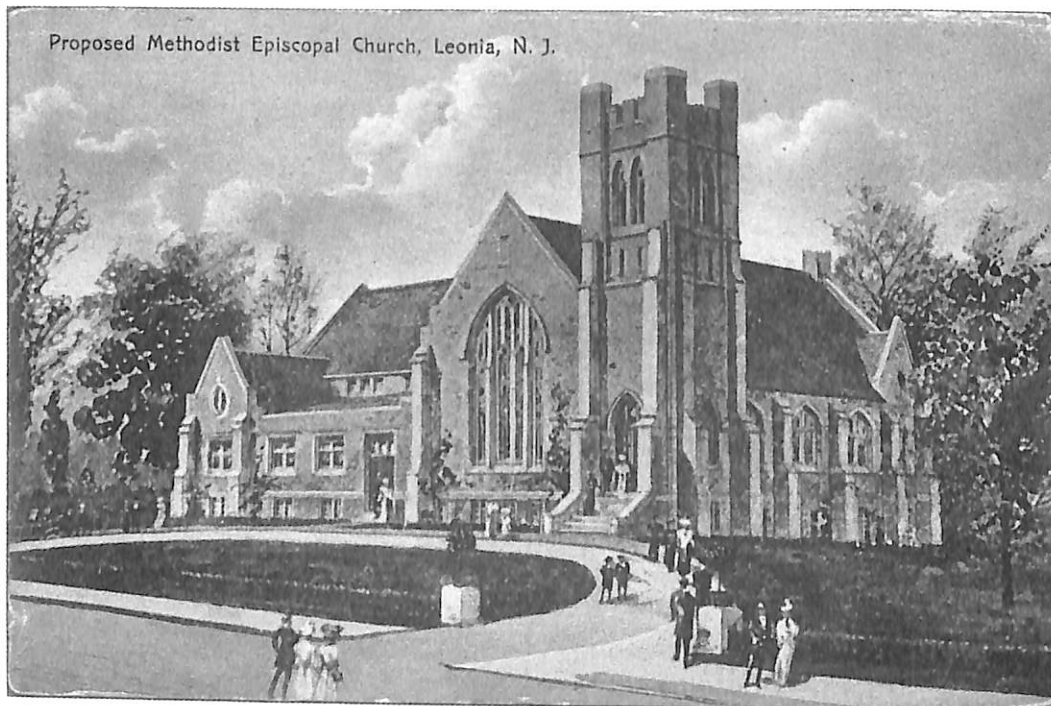


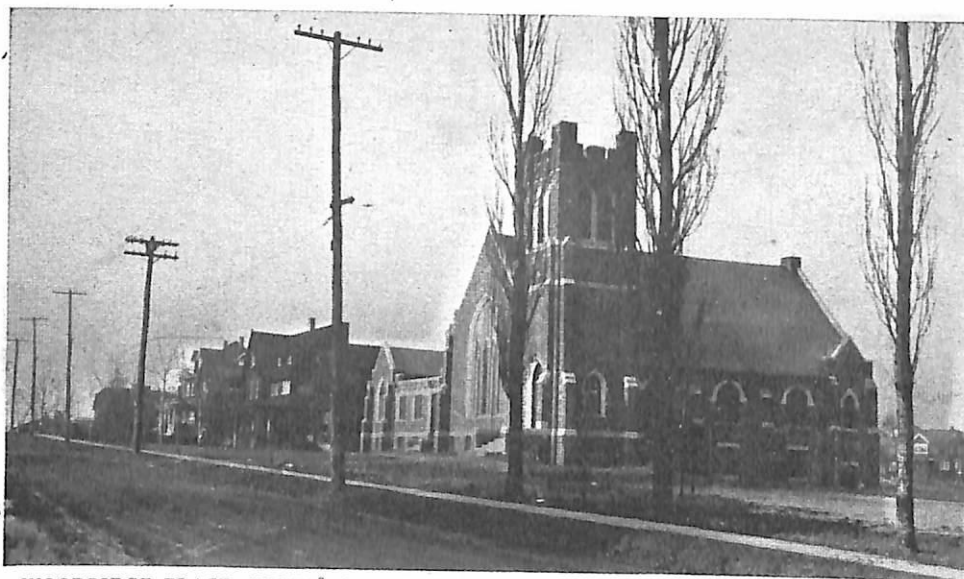






HILLSDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Hillsdale, New Jersey





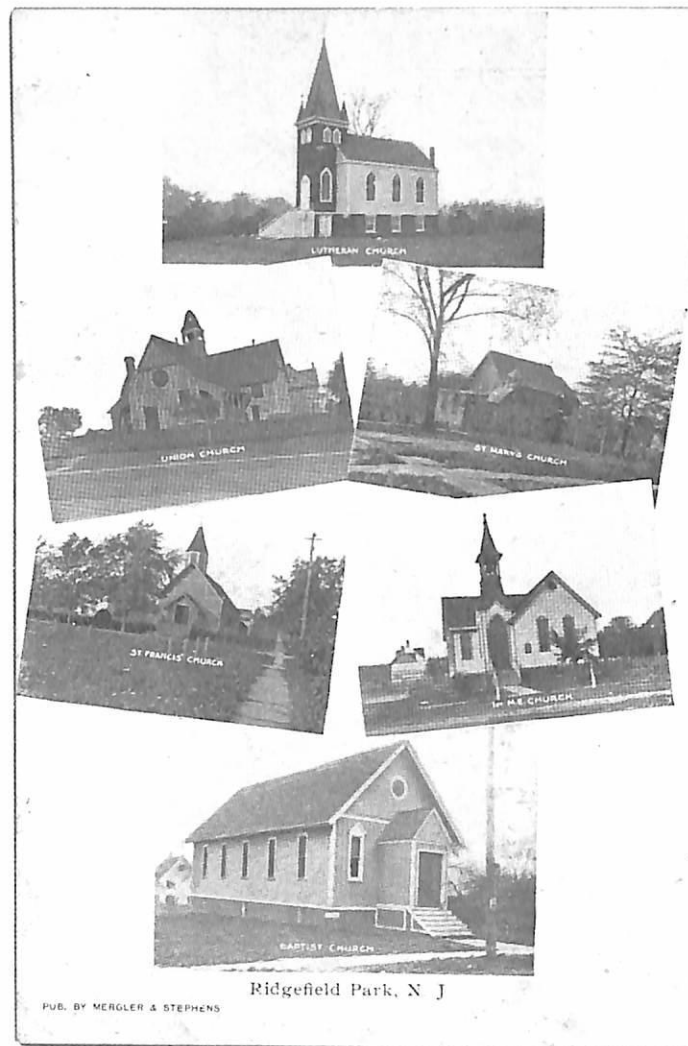
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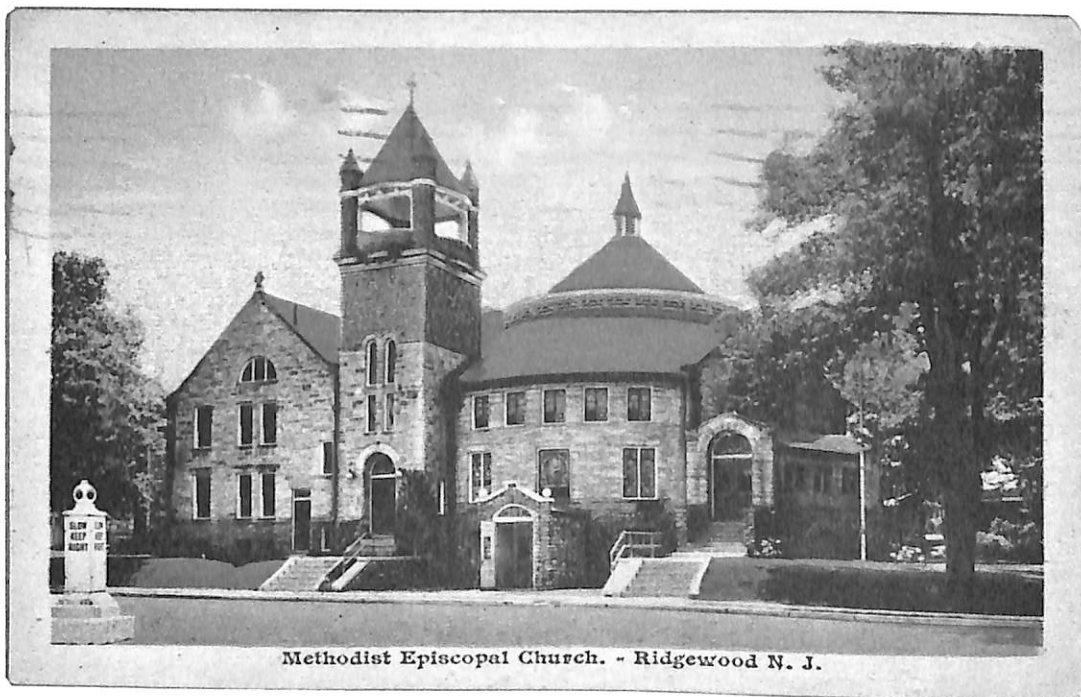


METHODIST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, Midland Park, N. J.



METHODIST CHURCH,
PARK RIDGE, N. J.





Methodist Episcopal Church. - Ridgewood N. J.

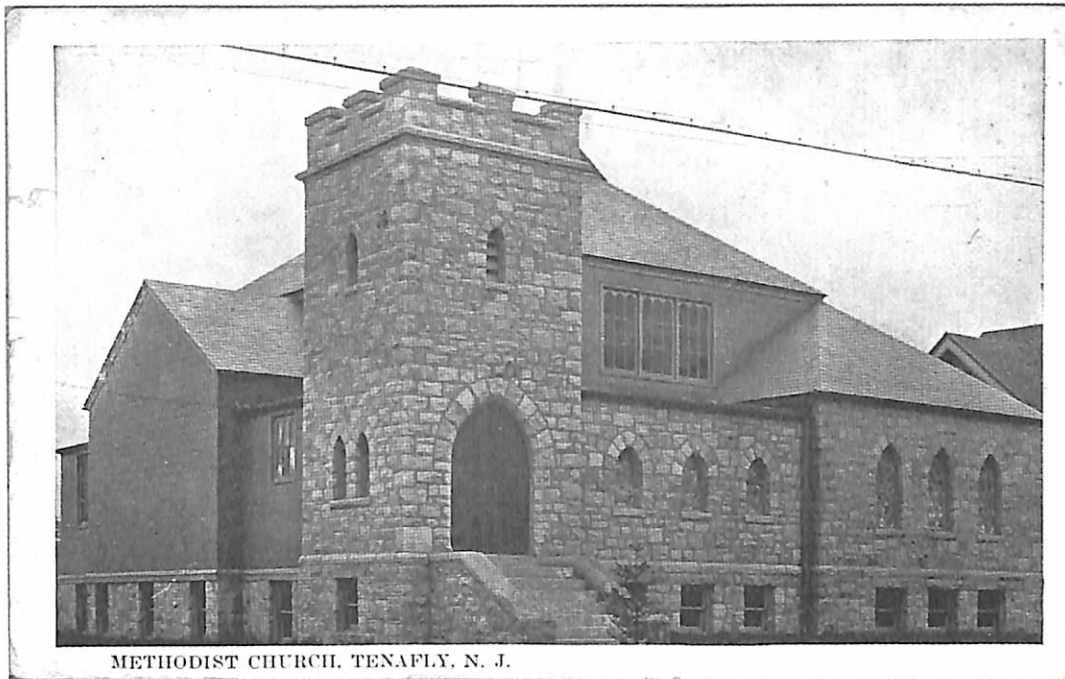




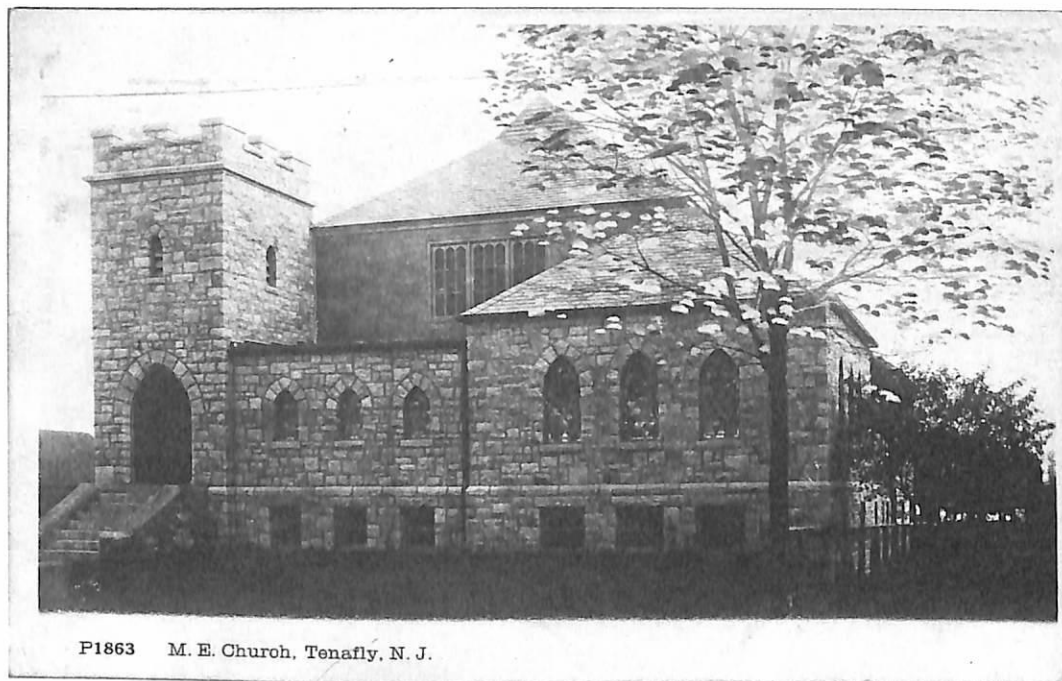
Methodist Church. *E. L. Convention* 10 Rutherford, N. J. 23-1908



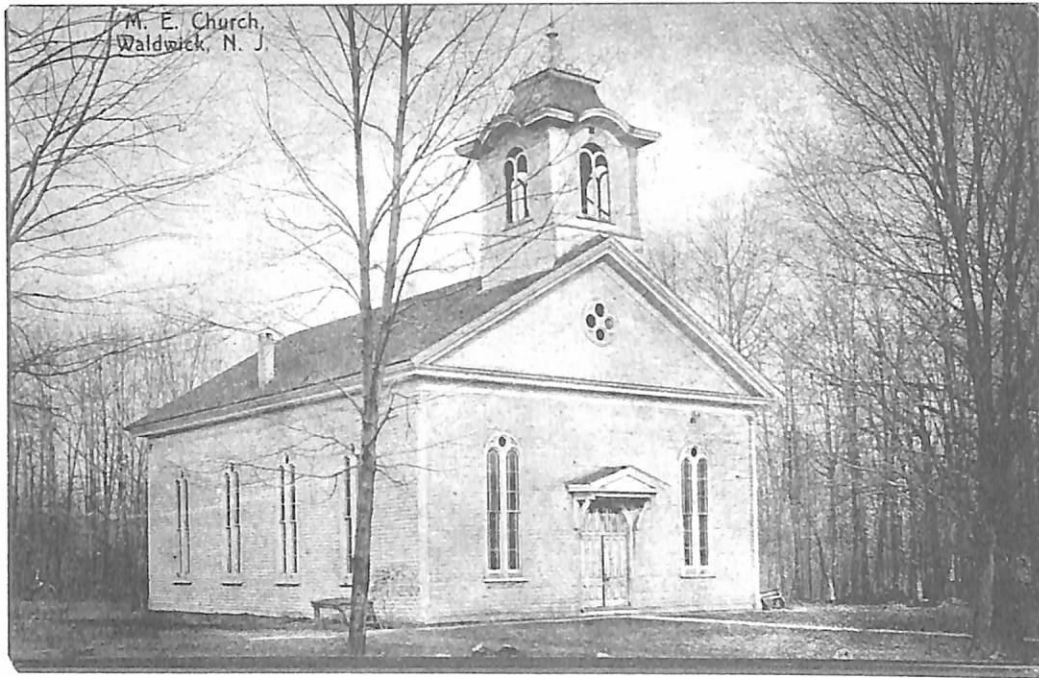
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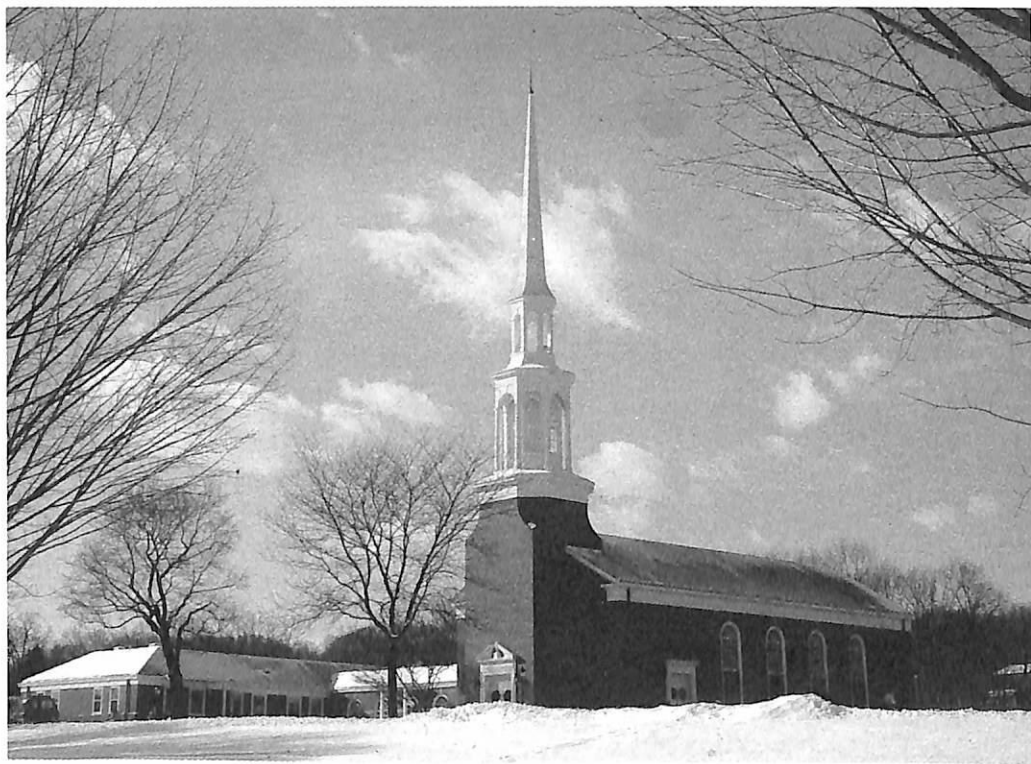


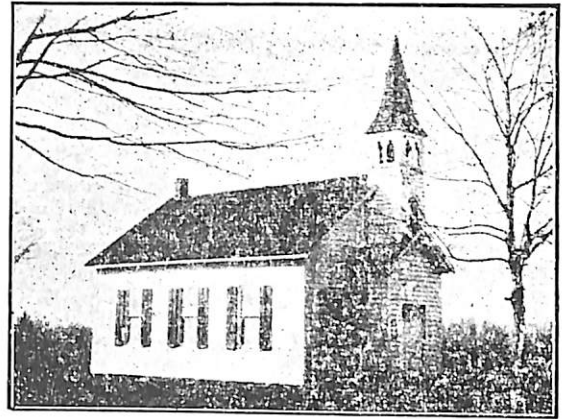
METHODIST CHURCH, TENAFLY, N. J.



P1863 M. E. Church, Tenafly, N. J.







M. E. CHURCH, KINGSLAND, N. J.

HUDSON COUNTY

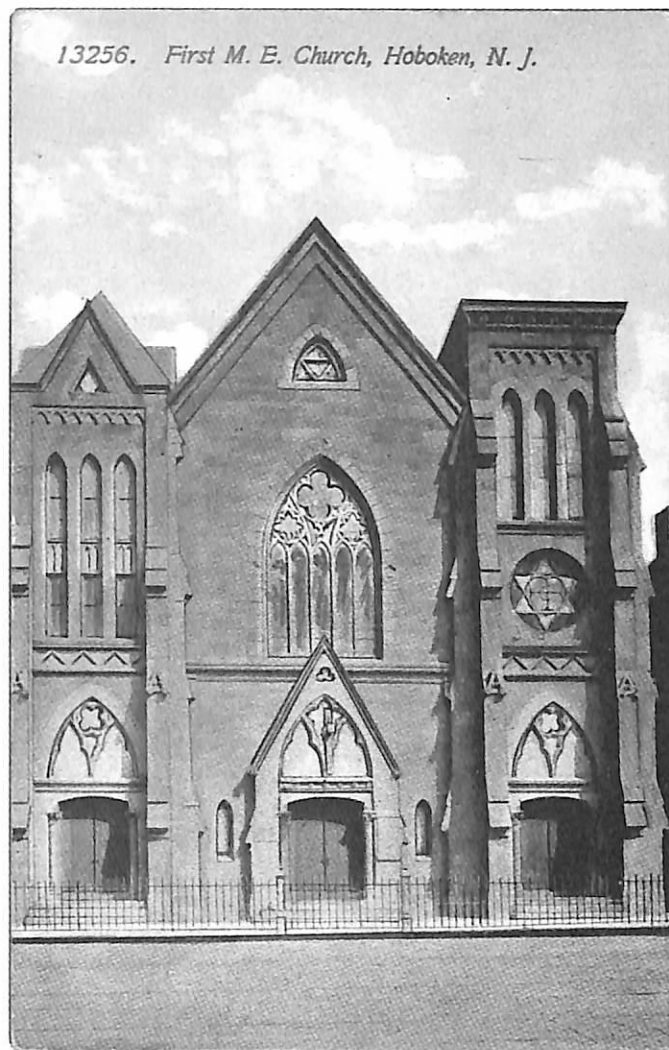
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Clair Memorial	x	—	—
Covenant (Salem)	x	k	32
Emory	—	k	30
Grace	—	k	31
Hedding	—	p	34
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Trinity	x	—	—
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Arlington, First	x	a	36
Grace	x	a	36
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Union City:			
Emmanuel	x	—	—
First (Union Place)	x	k	37
Weehawkin, Park	x	k	37
West New York:			
Hispanic	x	—	—
St. Paul's	x	—	—

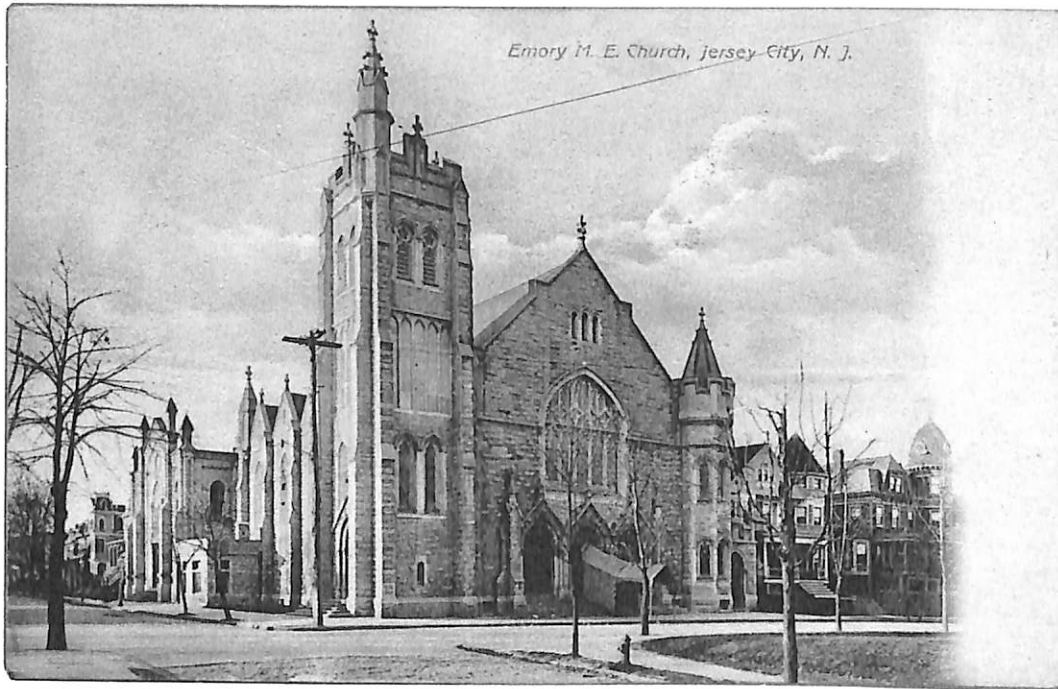
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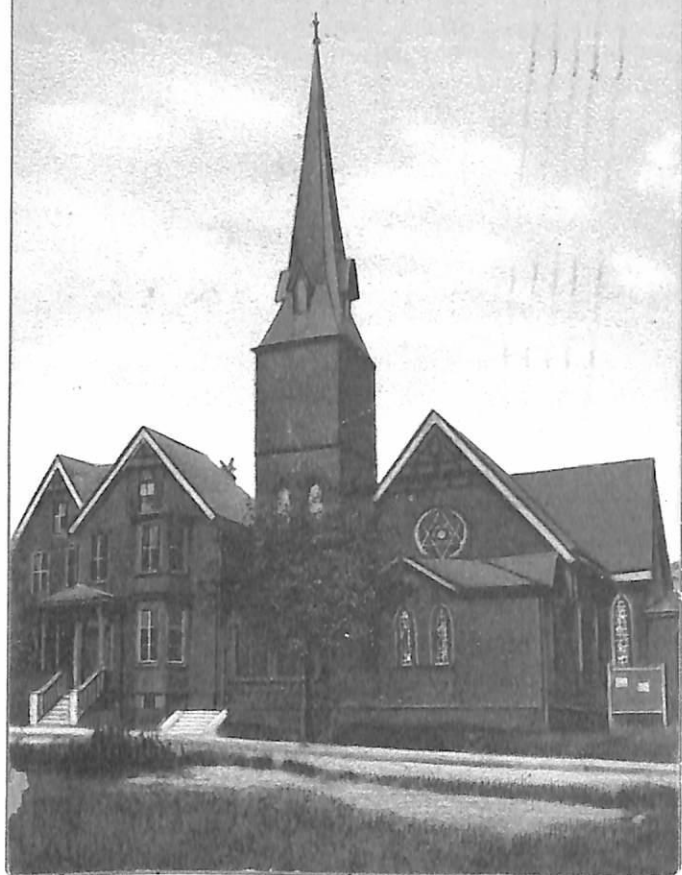
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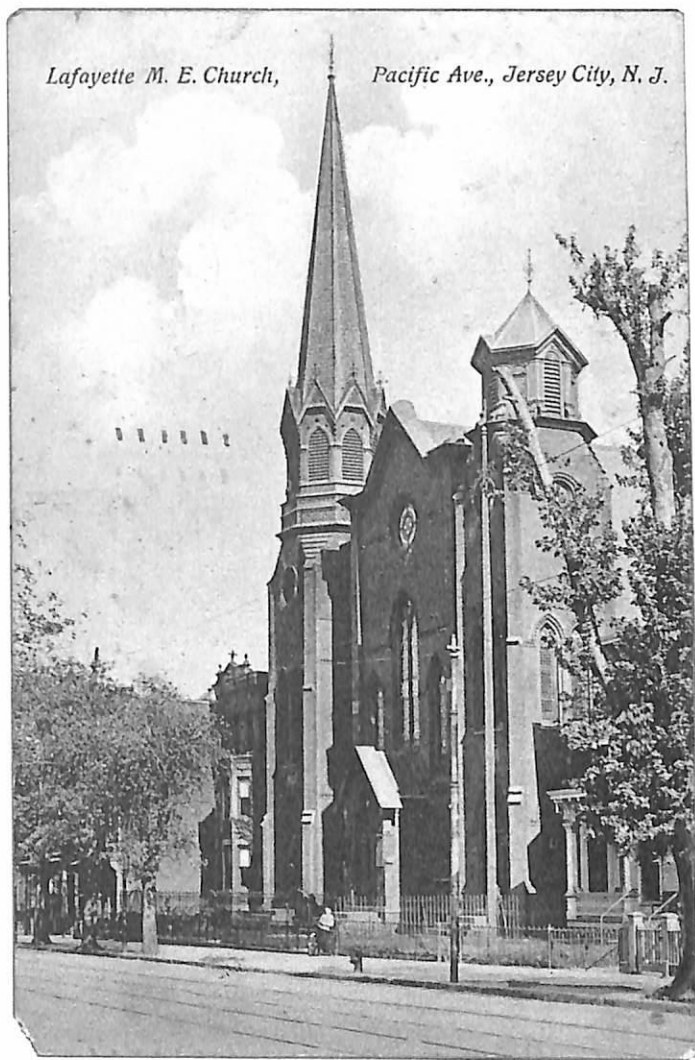


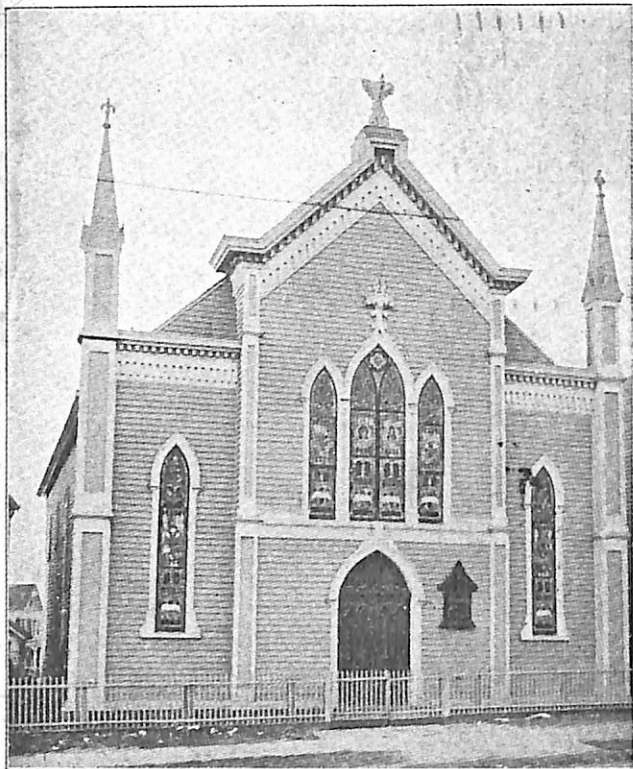
Grace M. E. Church and Parsonage. JERSEY CITY, N. J.



Lafayette M. E. Church,

Pacific Ave., Jersey City, N. J.





Salem Evangelical Church, Greenville, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Brother C. W. Matthews:

*We thank you
heartily for your kind
letter, clothes and cleaning.
With Best Regards. F. Y. C. 1938*



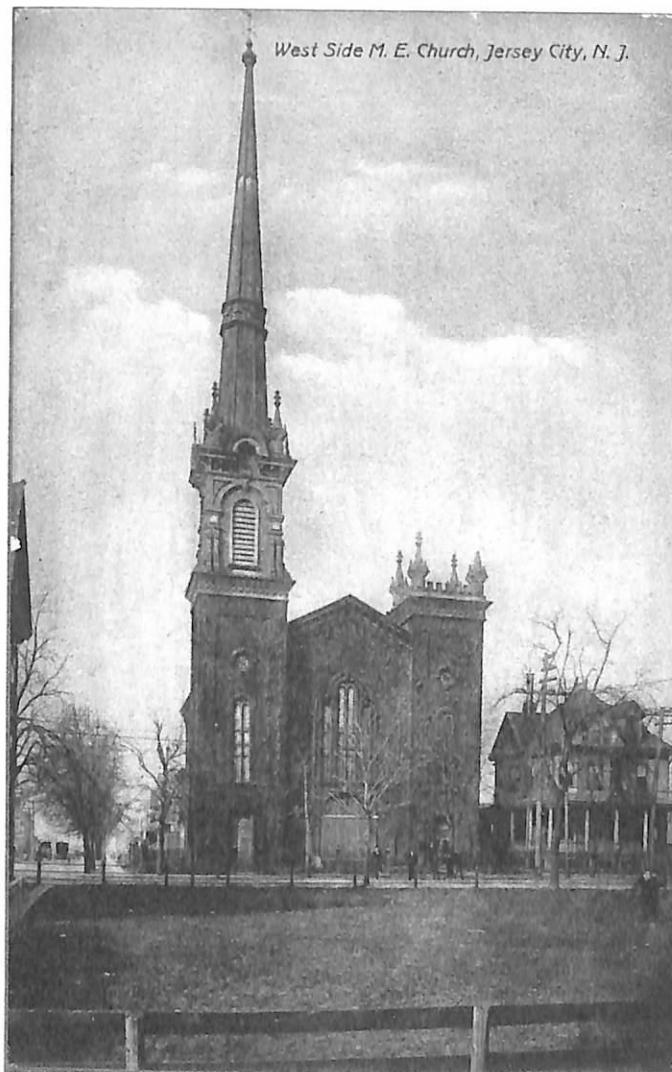
Linden Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Greenville, Jersey City

*Dear friend, sorry to have not kept
my promise, I am busy now planning
as don't know when I will be down
to see you. hope you all are well.
Yours truly, W. R.*

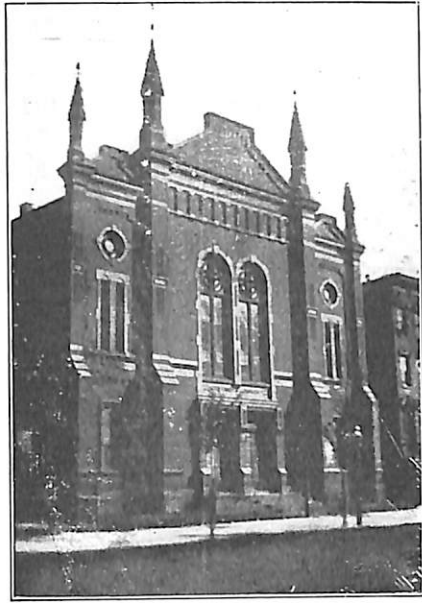
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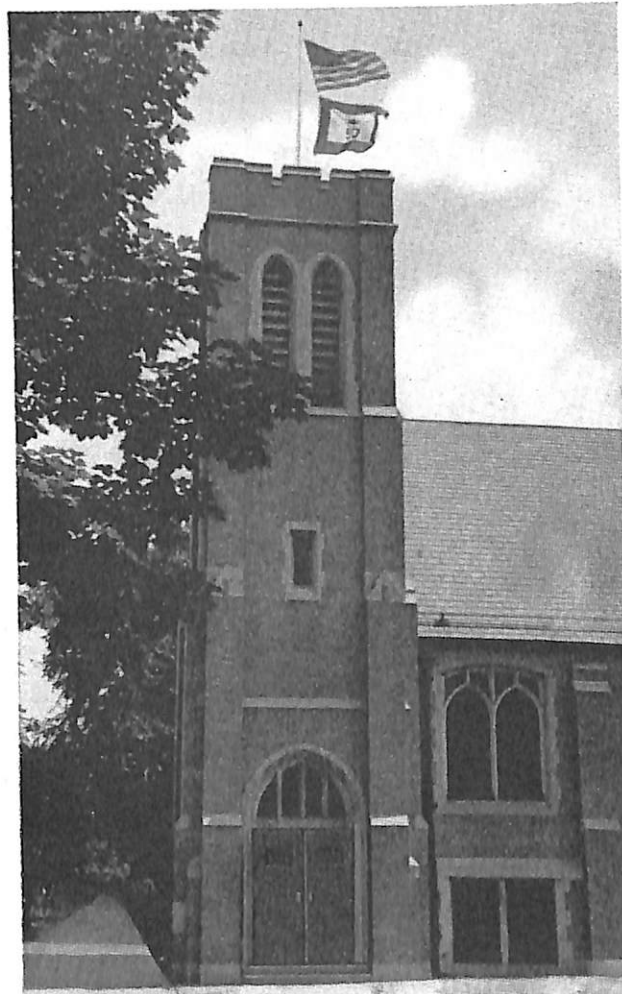
Simpson-Grace Methodist Church
 Hudson Boulevard & Tonnele Ave.
 Jersey City 6, N. J.



West Side M. E. Church, Jersey City, N. J.







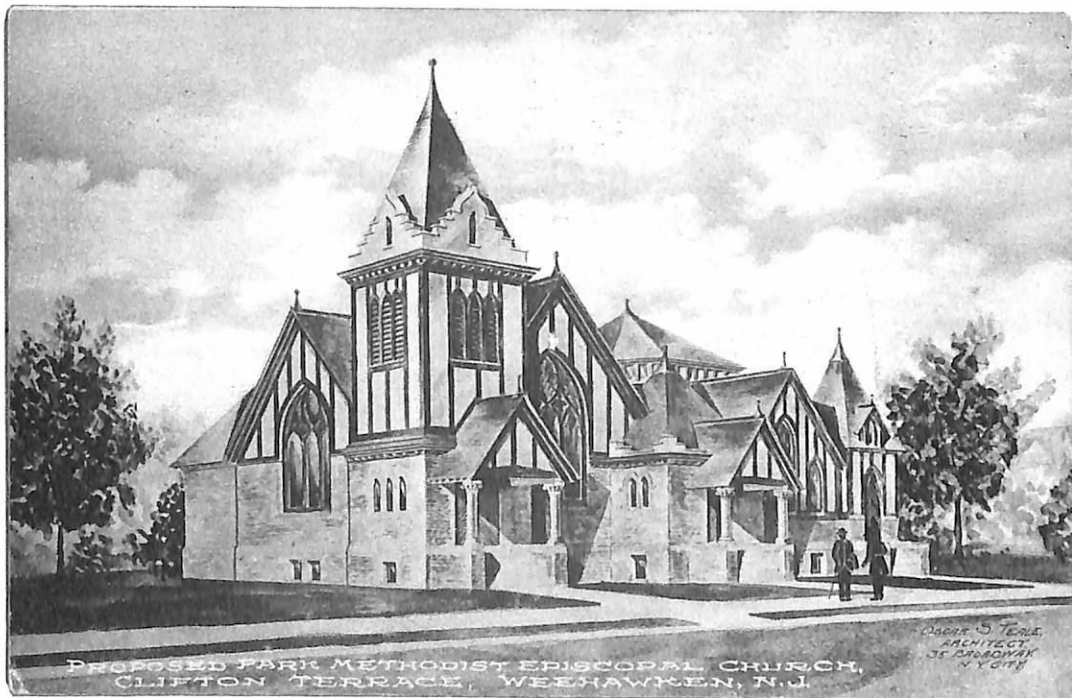
Grace Methodist Church, Kearny, New Jersey



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5827 -Methodist Church, Union Hill, N. J

*Hope you are
having a fine
time Sunshine*



PROPOSED PARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
CLIFTON TERRACE, WEEHAWKEN, N.J.

OSCAR S. TERRELL
ARCHITECT
35 MADISON
N.Y.C.

PASSAIC COUNTY

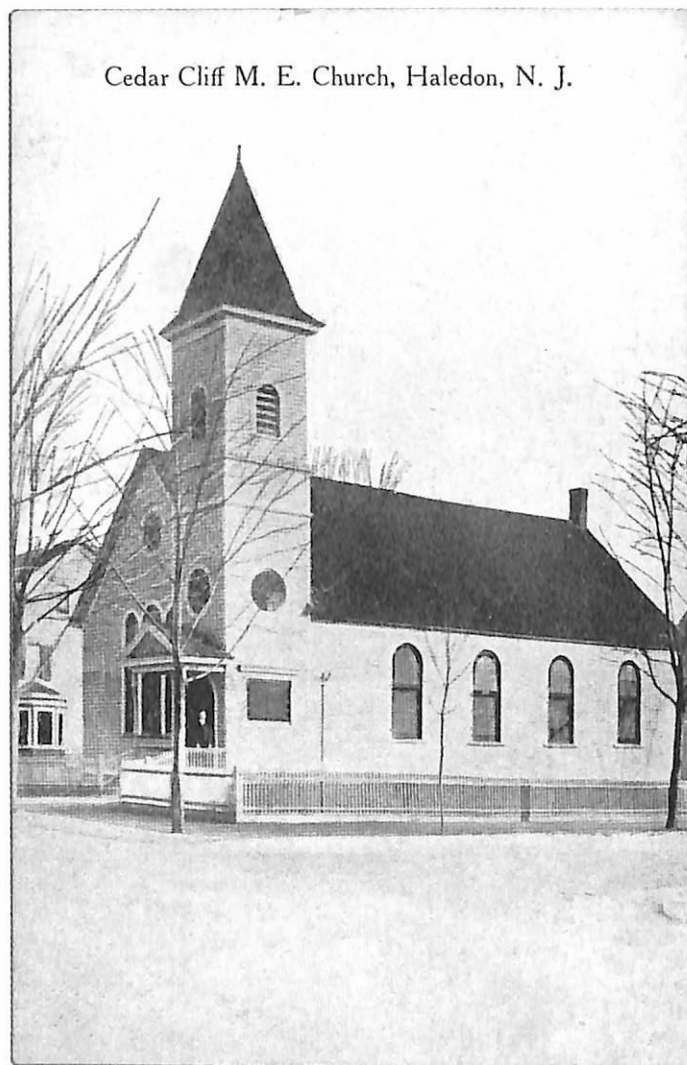
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West Paterson	x	—	—

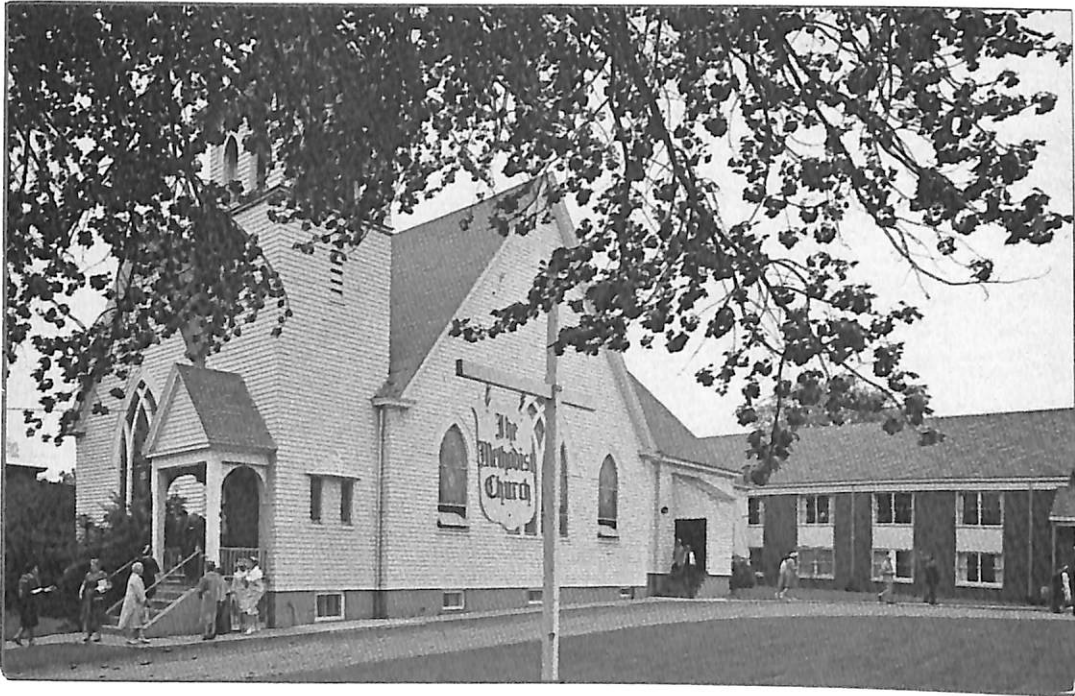
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 c — from local church collections
 K — from Kautz collection
 L — from LaConti collection
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¹Paterson, Grace, is now located in Wyckoff.



Cedar Cliff M. E. Church, Haledon, N. J.



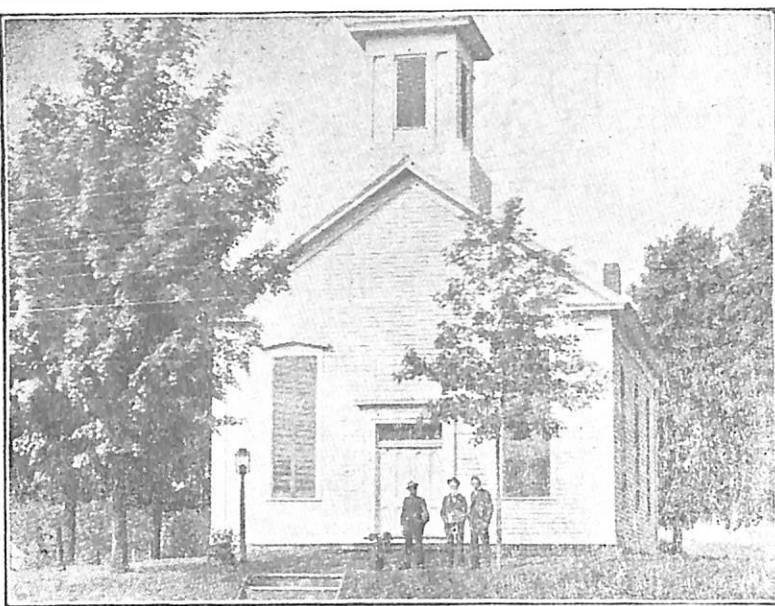


Midvale M. E. Church, Midvale, N. J.



Interior, M. E. Church
MIDVALE, N. J.

Received a postal from Maude yesterday. Father & her this evening. Date our last Wednesday 1906

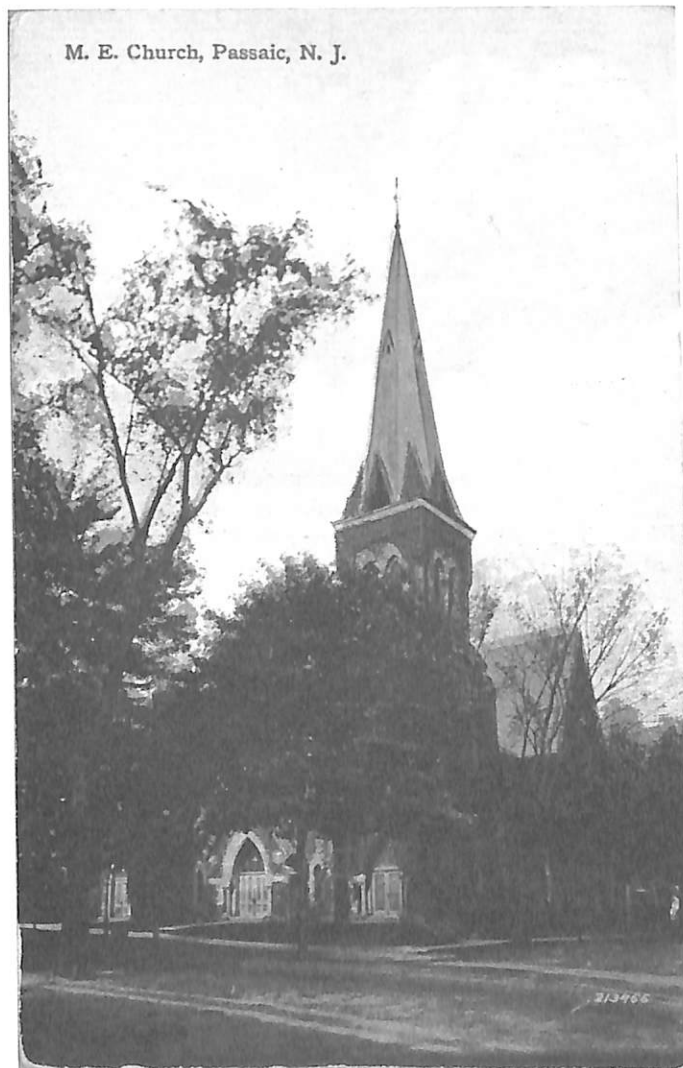


Has brought up in this church and or
gave for many years. Began at
the age of ten years. What do you
think of that? Let me know

Sept. 9, 1906

M. E. CHURCH AT NEWFOUNDLAND, N. J.

M. E. Church, Passaic, N. J.





Grace M. E. Church, Water St. Paterson, N. J.



GRACE M. E. CHURCH, WATER STREET



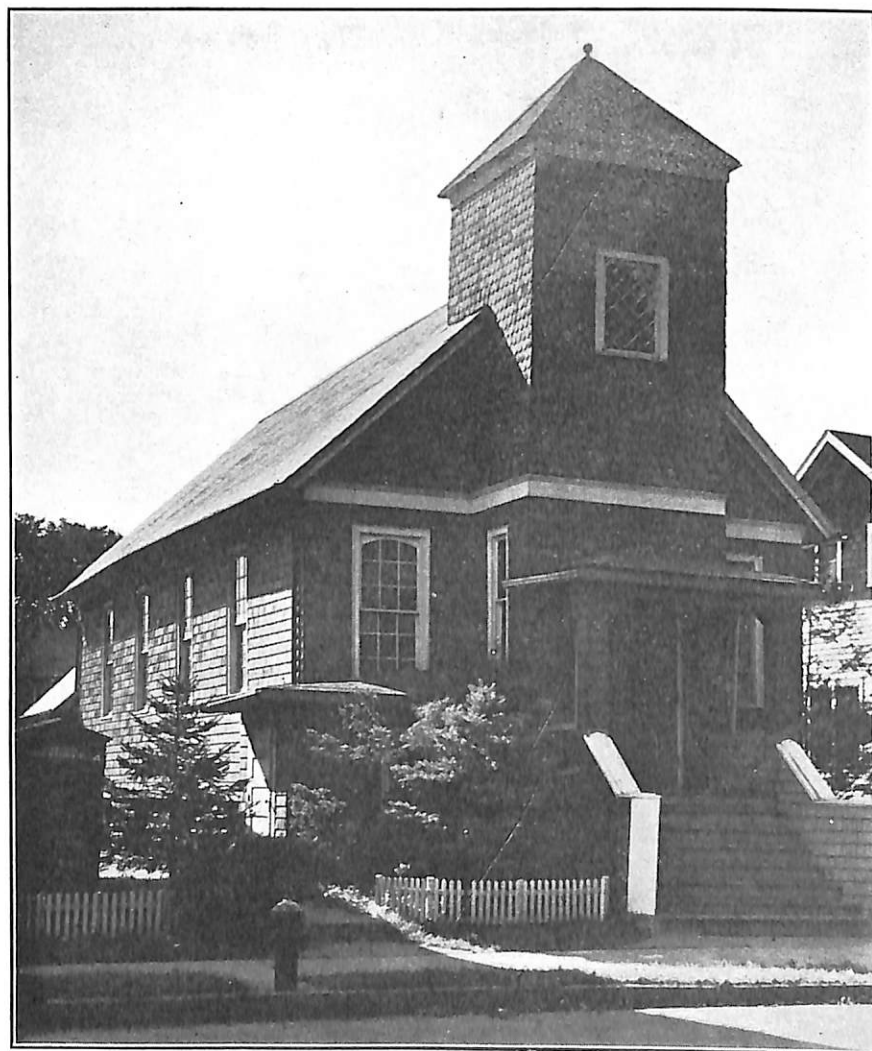
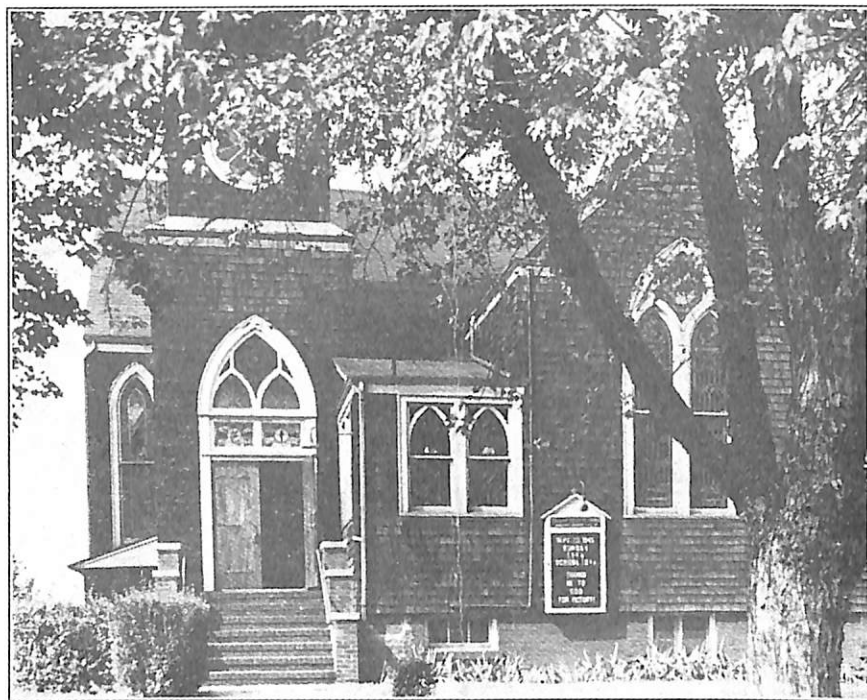
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CARROLL AND ELLISON STS

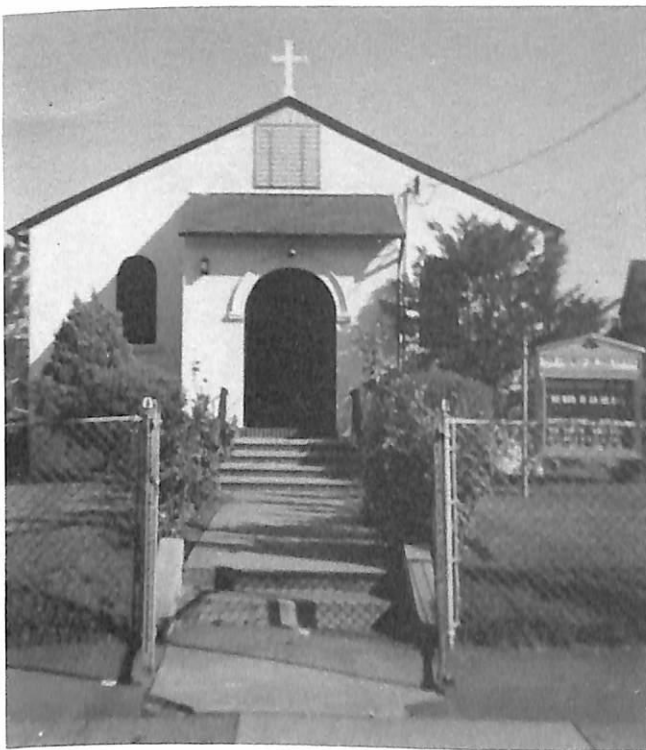


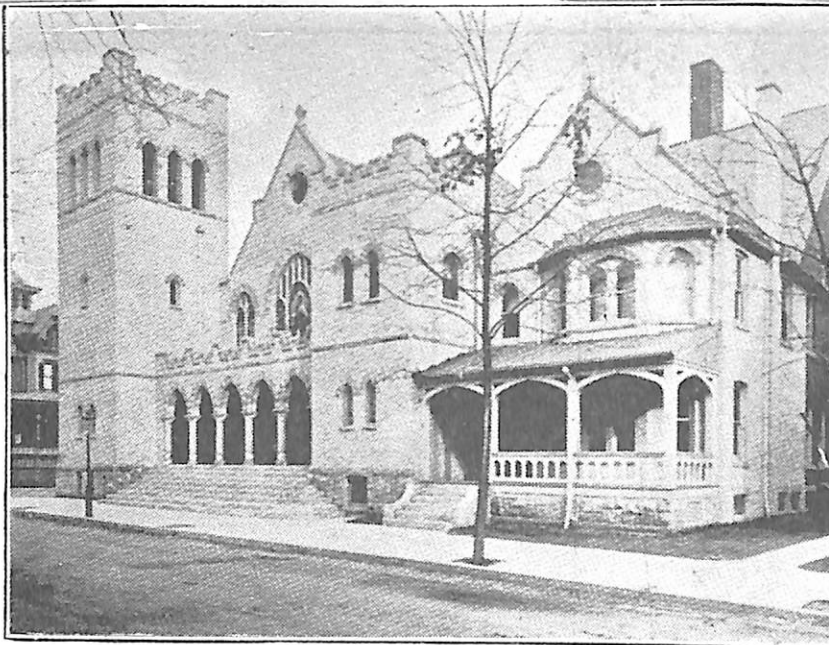
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PATERSON, N. J.



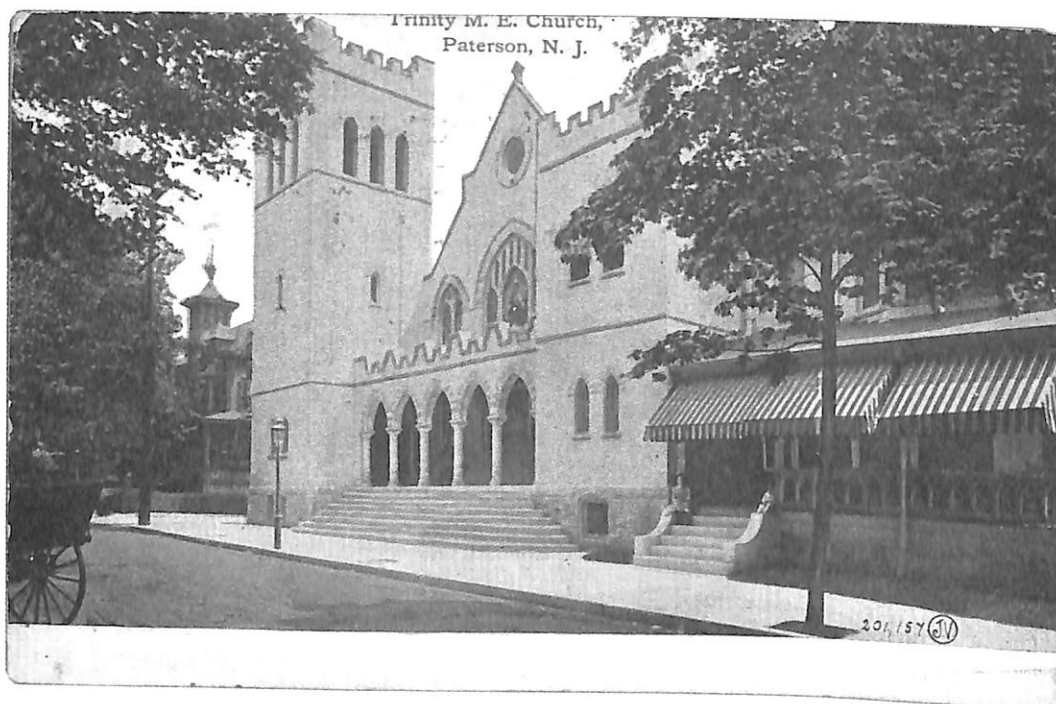




GEORGE HERBERT

*Dear Florence
Glad to hear your
with love
are improving*

TRINITY M. E. CHURCH,
PATERSON, N. J.



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Union Methodist Church
Borough of Totowa
Paterson 2, N. J.

